GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VISIT
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed for the Russian President`s visit to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the issues expected to be taken up for discussion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) President of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Putin, is going to visit India during the first ten days of October 2000. Mutually convenient dates for the visit are being finalised.

(c) Indo-Russian relations are based on continuity, trust and mutual understanding and are being consolidated into a strategic partnership. These ties are multi-faceted and multi-dimensional to include all areas of activity in the political, economic, commercial, defence, science and technology and cultural spheres. During the visit of the President of the Russian Federation to India, discussions would be held to identify the steps that need to be taken for further consolidating and diversifying Indo-Russian ties in all these areas to mutual benefit. The Declaration on Strategic Partnership between India and the Russian Federation is going to be signed during this visit.